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PASS USDA FOR SECRETARY BERGLAND

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SUBJ: SECRETARY BERGLAND'S SCHEDULE

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1. EMBASSY CONCURS IN THE SCHEDULE SET FORTH IN REFTEL.
WE WOULD LIKE SECRETARY'S OPINION ON A NUMBER OF REFINEMENTS/
SLIGHT CHANGES.

2. MONDAY MORNING, NOVEMBER 14, IS THE BEST TIME TO HAVE A
FULL DELEGATION MEETING BEFORE THE CONFERENCE REALLY BEGINS.
THEREFORE, EMBASSY SUGGESTS A FULL DELEGATION MEETING WHICH
SECRETARY WOULD CHAIR IN THE FODAG CONFERENCE ROOM BEGINNING
AT 0830.

--- WE UNDERSTAND THE FAO DIRECTOR GENERAL IS PLANNING A
LUNCH ON MONDAY, NOVEMBER 14, IN HONOR OF AMBASSADOR YOUNG,
THE MCDOUGALL LECTURER, AND WILL INVITE SECRETARY BERGLAND,
AMBASSADOR GARDNER, CHAIRMEN OF THE CONFERENCE COM-
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MISSIONS, AND OTHER KEY OFFICIALS.

--- THE ABOVE LUNCH WILL PROBABLY BE LENGTHY, SO
THE CONFERENCE MAY NOT RECONVENE MONDAY UNTIL 1500
OR LATER. THIS WILL DELAY SCHEDULE AND LEAVE ONLY A
SHORT TIME BETWEEN CLOSE OF AFTERNOON SESSION AND
THE DIRECTOR GENERAL'S RECEPTION.

3. TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 15, THE DELGATION WILL HOLD NORMAL MORNING DELEGATION MEETING AT 0830 IN FODAG CONFERENCE ROOM WHICH THE SECRETARY MAY ATTEND, AS HE WISHES.

--- WE ARE SENDING A SEPARATE CABLE ON A PROPOSED LUNCHEON FOR THE SECRETARY TO HOST FOR FAO DIRECTOR GENERAL SAOUMA ON THIS DAY.

--- NORMAL HOURS FOR FAO CONFERENCE SESSIONS ARE FROM 0930-1230 AND FROM 1430-1730, BUT RECONVENING TIMES ARE USUALLY DELAYED 15-20 MINUTES.

4. WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 16, THE SECRETARY IS SCHEDULED TO BE THE SECOND SPEAKER AND SO HE PROBABLY WILL NOT SPEAK UNTIL AFTER 1000.

--- WE ARE IN CONTACT WITH THE FAO PRESS OFFICE AND USIS AND WILL REPORT LATER ON THESE ARRANGEMENTS.

--- PRESIDENT OF THE WORLD FOOD COUNCIL IS PLANNING A DINNER AFTER AMBASSADOR GARDNER'S RECEPTION FOR THE HEADS OF FAO CONFERENCE DELEGATIONS WHO ARE ON THE WORLD FOOD COUNCIL. THUS, SECRETARY BERGLAND CAN EXPECT INVITATION TO Tanco DINNER ON WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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16. Tanco MAY RAISE THIS WHEN HE IS IN WASHINGTON NOV. 7-9.

5. THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 17 - NO EMBASSY COMMENTS.

6. FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 18 - A SEPARATE MESSAGE WILL COVER SUGGESTIONS FOR THIS DAY WHICH WILL CONCENTRATE ON ITALIAN BILATERAL MATTERS.

7. ON OCTOBER 17 A FORMAL, WRITTEN REQUEST FOR SECRETARY BERGLAND TO HAVE A PRIVATE AUDIENCE WITH THE POPE WAS SUBMITTED TO THE VATICAN FOR PERIOD NOVEMBER 13-19. NO RESPONSE HAS YET BEEN RECEIVED AND EMBASSY IS FOLLOWING UP REQUEST. USUALLY POPE GRANTS A GENERAL AUDIENCE TO FAO CONFERENCE DELEGATES DURING FIRST WEEK OF FAO CONFERENCE, BUT WE HAVE NO WORD ON DATE YET.

8. IN ADDITION TO PROPOSED LUNCH HOSTED BY SECRETARY FOR SAOUMA ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 15, WHICH WILL INCLUDE SOME OF MINISTERS SECRETARY WOULD LIKE TO SEE, FODAG IS INFORMING PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVES OF COUNTRIES LISTED OF SECRETARY'S DESIRE TO MEET WITH THEIR MINISTER.

ACTUAL HOURS WILL BE LEFT TO BE WORKED OUT DURING
CONFERENCE SESSIONS. PRESUMABLY SECRETARY COULD MEET
WITH DELEGATES IN PROGRAM COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN PHILLIPS'
OFFICE AT FAO WHEN THAT NOT BEING USED ON PROGRAM
COMMITTEE BUSINESS.

9. FODAG UNDERSTANDS THAT FOLLOWING FUNCTIONS WILL
BE HELD DURING SECRETARY'S ATTENDANCE AT FAO CONFERENCE
AND TO WHICH THERE IS A GOOD CHANCE U.S. WILL BE INVITED.
AS SOON AS DEFINITIVE INVITATIONS ARE RECEIVED, WE
WILL REPORT THEM TO SECRETARY. TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 15,
GERMANY, UK, AND MEXICO WILL BE HOSTING RECEPTIONS.
ON THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 17, PORTUGAL, JAPAN, KOREA,
AND HUNGARY WILL BE HOSTING RECEPTIONS. HOLMES
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